



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Using Spare Space with Immediate
Access to New Space**

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Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 14, 2004, Applicants submit the following Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order; and
 - with status identifiers;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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